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The humiliating retraction which Henry Ward Beecher was compelled to make in his pulpit a few days ago of a scandal in regard to certain teachers employed by the Brooklyn School Board to which he had given currency, has called down on him very severe critical colors. The Mew York Tribune, a paper that has stood by Beecher through all the Tilton troubles, manifests symptoms of digust, and the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette in a letter to Saturday's issue of that paper says that this last performance of Beecher's has done more to injure him with his congregation than the Tilton trouble affair, because that scandal was never troiled by States as a part of the system of with his congregation than the Tilton affair, because that scandal was never proven against him, and his friends always believed him to be innocent. But they now see him in a light that is very discreditable indeed. He made haste to retail and endorse a lot of scandal about his neighbors in his pulpit, and when those who were directly affected by it called on him for explanation and proof he ingloriously failed to come to time, and got up in his pulpit and retracted the expressions he had used in a former sermon, and said that he wished to strike out his words and have them considered as to normal schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with the system of schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with the system of schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with light such of schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with light schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with light schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with light schools, established and controlled by States as a part of the system of college with light schools, and make an application for, a normal school set which was an application for, a normal school set with light schools, and make an application for, a normal school set with light schools. If Virginia will establish, and make an application for, a normal school set with light schools, if Virginia will establish, and make an application for, a normal school set with light schools, if Virginia will establish, and make an application for, a normal school set with light schools, if Virginia will establish, and make an application for, a normal color of college with light schools, if Virginia will establish, and make an application for, a normal color of college with light schools, if Virginia will establish, and make an application for, a normal color of coll words and have them considered as

A proper apology for a wrong is generally creditable to any man, but in this case there was such a lack of both sense and principle in giving currency to street gossip in a pulpit that, taking the utterances and the retraction together, it is no wonder that his former friends are disgusted. They are now willing to admit that though Mr. Beecher may be a man of genius be is even this condemnatory excuse does not that Robert, his son, will reign suprem excuse such an utterance. There comes in the matter of a bad heart in a minister who could be so forgetful of his surroundratail it to his hearers as part of his gospel atterances. Supposing Mr. Beecher to be lacking in common sense, yet the conserof all the conscientious restraints of a real Christian, seem to have been sadly wanting in his performance.

never uttered by him.

But putting aside this view of the matter. and charitably admitting that Mr. Beecher the Hudson river from the Catskills to Aldid not intend a wrong of any kind, or going still further, and admitting that he en intended to do good, yet after all is said that can be said in this direction, there still remains an egregious mistake of judg- ter dollars for refusal. ment, such as indeed shows that he is almost wholly lacking in that quality of a truly great man known as hard common When the poet laurente of England desired to sum up the greatness of the Duke of Wellington's character in one expression he wrote that he was "rich in saving common sense." This, list the praise of Sir Hubert, was "praise indeed."

The case of Mr. Beecher shows that though a minister may be possessed of great genius, though he speak, as some people have thought Mr. Beecher spoke, with the tongue of men and angels, yet is it all sounding brass and tinkling symbal if he have not he mother country and the colonies bud the mother country and the colonies are presented in your save of the 21st inst., as to the origin of the name of the Port formerly located at this point, and which you kindly suggested I might be able to answer, I would say that the Fort was commenced and partly fin-shed in the summer of the year 1774, and which you kindly suggested I found that the Fort was commenced and partly fin-shed in the summer of the year 1774, and which you kindly suggested I found the fort was commenced and partly fin-shed in the summer of the year 1774, and which you kindly suggested I found the fort was commenced and partly fin-shed in the summer of the year 1774, and which you kindly suggested I found the found that the fort was commenced and partly fin-shed in the summer of the year 1774, and the found the found that the found the found that the fou Dake of Wellington's character in one exof men and angels, yet is it all sounding brass and tinkling symbal if he have not a good portion of "saving common sense."
If all Mr. Beecher possessed common sense with his other gifts he would never have humiliated his congregation and himself as he recently has, nor wounded the cause for which he professes to speak in the very house of its friends. His example shows that in no position in life is common sense more of a sine qua non than in the ministerial calling. Other men are expected to commit errors of judgment more or less serious, and the world is tolerant towards serious, and the world is tolerant towards to the comparathem, but it exacts a standard of comparathe pulpit. Hence every mistake like that of Mr. Beecher's, to call it by no harsher name, is a serious affair to the ministry and to the churches throughout the land. It shakes public confidence and does infinite mischief. The wise preacher of Ecclesiastics saw all this when he said that astics saw all this when he said that "dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour so doth a little folly in him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor."

A Matter of Interest to West Virginia. West Virginia is one of the States which participates to some extent in the distribution of the Peabody Educational Fund. It was given by the great philanthropist to help the cause of "education among the young of the more destitute portions of the Southern and Southwestern States." There appears to be a lack of knowledge even among educators as to the cases in which aid from this fund may be expected. With a view of explaining the proper relations of the fund to the cause of education in the States indicated, the Rev. J. L. M. Curry, of Richmond, Va., who is President of the board charged with the annual dis tribution of the income from the fund. writes to the Richmond Dispatch of Satur day a very full letter, from which we make the following extract:

The Education Fund was not intended

The Education Fund was not intended as a charity to the poor; nor is it to be distributed in proportion to population, nor on the basis of indigence or illiteracy. To distribute on the basis of destitution or illiteracy would fail of giving any effectual relief or producing any permanent results. To distribute per capita according to aggregate population, or school population, would hardly buy a McGuffey's Reader for each child.

At an early period two related plans, which have been previously adhered to were decided on by the Trustees First, to aid special schools complying with certain prescribed conditions, and, secondly, to aid in training teachers for public schools. The object kept steadily in view was the encouragement of a permanent system of free schools, and the only feasible or possible mode of accomplishing this object was to act in conjunction with State systems of instruction as soon as organized, and to act in conjunction with State systems of instruction as soon as organized, and through State officers responsible to their constituents. This co-operation has not been departed from, and the various Superintendents of Public Instruction have much lightened the labors of the general agents, and have shown a zeal, ability and patriotism which the people whom they serve should not be slow to recognize and honor.

ment must be made with them through the State Superintendents. In making selections schools located at influential points have the preference, and all schools aided must be free, be properly graded, must have at least one hundred pupils, with one teacher for every fifty, and must continue in seasion nine or ten months. In no instance has the entire or shief cost of maintaining schools been met by the Trustees. Funds are given to stimulate and encour-Funds are given to stimulate and encour

Funds are given to stimulate and encourgage those who provide for the principal part
of the expense. To help those who help
themselves has been considered as the
most effective plan in producing "a permanent and self-sustaining system of popular
education." As Dr. Sears said in 1867, "it
appears to be best and most congenial to
our forms of government to have theschools
supported in part from a State fund, but
chiefly by local taxation."

As soon as a State or a community shows
an ability and willingness to sustain free
y schools Peabody aid is withdrawn, and
hence in 1881 no public school in Virginia
was aided. Some States in the last report
resent a "beggarly account" of receipts,
not because of lavoriteism or partiality in
the administration of the fund, but because
the applications for aid were not made, or,
if made, the conditions precedent were not
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THE Western Iron Association meets a Pittsburgh on Wednesday and much curiosity is evinced to see what they will do with the card. Some intimate that it is the old question of Hamlet over again-"to be or not to be"-or, more freely ren dered, to be or not to be taken in by the English and done for.

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